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| In re application of: WILLIAM R. DUBRUL and RICHARD E. FULTON Application No.: Not Assigned Yet Filed: Concurrently Herewith Title: DILATING AND SUPPORT APPARATUS WITH DISEASE INHIBITORS AND METHODS FOR USE | Attorney Docket No.: ARTM 1008-5 Examiner: Not Assigned Yet Group: Not Assigned Yet |
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Before the first action in this divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53 (b), please amend this application as follows.

In The Specification

At page 1, please delete the 4 lines under the section entitled "Cross reference to related application" and substitute the following:

--This application is a division of U.S. patent application No. 09/298,279 filed April 23, 1999, which claims the benefit of the following provisional patent applications: application No. 60/083,178 filed April 27, 1998; application No. 60/095,106 filed August 3, 1998; and application No. 60/115,548 filed January 12, 1999, the disclosures of which are incorporated by reference.—

N At page 19, please delete the first line (page line 5) and substitute the following:
--provisional submission Serial No. 60/121,640.

The tubular braid may be coated with a material so that it may have no porosity or variable porosity within the individual filaments of the braid. With one technique the braid was expanded from its original small diameter by sliding a mandril into the tubular braid. Once the braid is expanded, a liquid thermoset elastomer including, but not limited to silicone rubber, latex rubber, etc. or thermoplastic material including, but not limited to